

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

4 May 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians & Caregivers,

TEAM KAPITI NEWSLETTER: TERM 2

It's been a chilly start to the term, but a small cost to pay for the lovely holiday weather. The Team Kapiti teachers attended the Google Apps For Education Summit in Wellington during the holidays, and we're looking forward to implementing ideas to further support learning in our team. This term, we welcome Mrs Glynis Paterson who is teaching alongside Ms Jones in room 19.

Here is some information about term two:

Learning contexts this term

Our inquiry focus this term is Hauora: learning and implementing strategies that can support physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being. We have a number of key events as part of this, including Life Education, Keeping Ourselves Safe with the Police Education team, and visits from the Cancer Society and Netsafe. *There will be opportunities for parent education during the term, please look out for further notices and information.*

Literacy studies will support this inquiry, and form a core part of learning programmes. Mathematics programmes are adjusted to suit the learning needs within classes. Please chat to the teacher if you'd like to know specific contexts.

As part of our Hauora learning, we will be developing our fitness in preparation for the school cross country in week 6 (Tuesday 6 June). We aim for this to be a fun participation-focused event. We will also be visiting the Kapiti College Marae, and hosting the Kahurangi Theatre Company as part of our Matariki studies (has your child registered for this theatre visit on Kindo?).

With increased use of devices in the classroom, it is useful for your child to have their own pair of headphones to use and keep at school.

Dates for this term

The school calendar is also posted on the homepage of the school website (www.raumatibeach.school.nz). Please refer to this for updated information and extra dates for our team. We'll also use our Facebook page.

Transition to College

This term, we begin our visits to local colleges for year 8 students.

Paraparaumu College (optional visit: note coming home this week) parent evening	Monday 26 June, 9-12 Wednesday 28 June
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Kapiti College (attended by all year 8s unless we are advised otherwise) parent evening	Wednesday 21 June (9.30-12) Wednesday 21 June
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Uniform

All year 7 and 8 students are expected to wear correct uniform which includes the school sweatshirt and/or polar fleece in cooler weather. Polar fleeces are available from the uniform shop from \$20. Non-regulation clothing is acceptable only for a short period, please advise teachers in writing to avoid any confusion. Students wearing unexplained non-regulation wear will be asked to remove it.

Sharing learning

In week four, students will be sharing their learning in mathematics through student-led conferences. A note will come home soon to confirm dates and times. Written reports will be sent home at the end of this term. This will be a summary of their progress against National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics. This will be followed by student-parent-teacher interviews in early term three. Prior to this, you are very welcome to make a time to discuss your child's learning with their teacher

Thank you for your continued support of learning in Team Kapiti. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Kind regards,

TEAM KAPITI TEACHERS